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„ Cochin-China, .....						
„ Corea, .....						
„ Japan, .....						
„ Philippine Islands, .....						
„ Siam direct, .....(e.)						
„ Tonquin, .....						
To Australia, ... .. } VIA TORRES STRAITS,...	10	CANNOT BE SENT.	2	2	10	NOT ISSUED.
„ New Zealand,.... } (c.)						
„ Tasmania, ..... }						
„ Fiji, ..... } VIA CEYLON,.....	30		5	5		
To Natal and Cape Colony, .....(c.)	30	CANNOT BE SENT.	5	5	10	NOT ISSUED.
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GENERAL POST OFFICE,  
HONGKONG, February 1st, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 57.

The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 4th February are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th February, 1888.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE

CAUSES.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.										
				VICTORIA DISTRICT.										
				DIVISION.										
	Civil.	Army.	Navy.	Sokompo.	Bowrington.	Wantsai.	Hawan.	Sheungwan.	Chungwan.	Táip'ingshan.	Saiyingpun.	Shektongtsui.	Kennedy Town.	Harbour.
Convulsions, .....	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	4	4	2	..	..	..
Diphtheria, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trismus, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Phthisis or Consumption, ...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bronchitis and Pneumonia, ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dysentery, (Chronic), .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Diarrhoea, .....	1	..	..	..	1†	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Do., Choleraic or Vomiting and Purgings, }	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Colic, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fever, Simple Continued, ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Do., Remittent, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Do., Intermittent, .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..
Small-pox, .....	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	5	39	5	..	..	1†
Old age, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Debility, .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Apoplexy, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lung Disease, (Chronic), ...	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	10	2	..	..	..
Dropsy, Nature of unascertained, }	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Dropsy, Heart Disease, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Natural Causes, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Paralysis, .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marasmus, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..
Unclassed Worms, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Undiagnosed, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Suicide, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Unclassed but Diagnosed } Insanity, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Drowning, .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bright's Disease, .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Burning, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
a. Syphilis, b. Beri Beri, ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Heart Disease, .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Disease of bones or Joints, ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL, .....	7	1	..	1	4	2	9	2	25	66	13	..	1	1

\* Acute.

† Chronic.

‡ Age unknown.

REMARKS.

Italian Convent.

Convulsions, .....	1
Marasmus, .....	6
Trismus, .....	4
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French Convent.

Convulsions, .....	1
Small-pox, .....	2
Trismus, .....	3
Fever, Simple Continued, .....	2
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WEEK ENDING THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1888, AND THEIR CAUSES.

CHINESE COMMUNITY.								TOTAL AT DIFFERENT AGE PERIODS.						GRAND TOTAL.
KAULUNG DISTRICT.		SHAUKIWAN DISTRICT.		ABERDEEN DISTRICT.		STANLEY DISTRICT.		Under 1 Month.	Over 1 & under 12 Months.	Over 1 & under 5 Years.	Over 5 & under 15 Years.	Over 15 & under 45 Years.	Over 45 Years.	
Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.	Land Population.	Boat Population.							
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	10	..	..	..	15
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	1	..	..	..	9
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
1*	..	1*	..	1*	1*	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	..	6
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	1	5
..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	3	9
1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	19	2	9	..	56
1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
3	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	11	21
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	2
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	6
2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	4
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
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1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
12	4	4	..	3	2	..	1	10	41	33	6	40	27	158

REMARKS.

Tung Wa Hospital.

Convulsions,.....	1
Small-pox, .....	28
Lung Disease, (Chronic), .....	5
Dropsy, Nature of unascertained, .....	1
Dropsy, Heart Disease,.....	1
Intermittent Fever, .....	6
Dysentery, (Chronic), .....	2
Unclassed but Diagnosed Insanity, .....	1

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Alice Memorial Hospital.

a. Syphilis, b. Beri Beri,.....	1
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J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Registrar General.

## A SUMMARY OF DEATHS AND THEIR CAUSES SHOWN IN THE FOREGOING RETURN

DISEASE.	EUROPEAN AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.			CHINESE COMMUNITY.						
	Civil. — Esti- mated Popula- tion. 6,414	Army. — Esti- mated Strength. ...	Navy. — Esti- mated Strength. ...	VICTORIA DISTRICT.—						
				Sokoupo.	Bowington.	Wantsai.	Hawan.	Sheungwan.	Chungwan.	Taipingshan.
				Estimated Population, .....						
Infantile Convulsive Diseases, {										
Convulsions, .....	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	...	4	4
Trismus Nascentium, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	4	...
Throat Affections, {										
Acute, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chronic, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chest Affections, {										
Acute, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chronic, .....	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	10
Bowel Complaints, {										
Cholera, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cholera Nostras, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cholera Infantum, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhœa, .....	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Colic, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fevers, {										
Malarial, {										
Remittent, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Intermittent, .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6
Simple Continued, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Exanthematous, {										
Typhus, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Typhoid, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small-pox, .....	2	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	5	39
Marasmus, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Other Causes, .....	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
TOTAL, .....	7	1	...	1	4	2	9	2	25	66

SANITARY BOARD ROOM,  
HONGKONG, 9th February, 1888.

AS HAVING BEEN REGISTERED DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4TH FEBRUARY, 1888.

CHINESE COMMUNITY.													TOTAL.	GRAND TOTAL.
DIVISION.				Kaulung District.		Sháukiwán District.		Aberdeen District.		Stanley District.				
Saiyingpun.	Shek tongtsui.	Kennedy Town.	Harbour. Estimated Population.	Estimated Population.		Estimated Population.		Estimated Population.		Estimated Population.				
				Land.	Boat.	Land.	Boat.	Land.	Boat.	Land.	Boat.			
.....	122,924		20,525	12,622	5,000	4,734	4,000	2,500	3,500	1,000	1,000			
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	} 24	
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	9		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	} ...	
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...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	} 23	
2	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	23		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	} 8	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	6	} 8	
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...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	} 8	
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3		
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	9	} 73	
...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	} 73	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	} 73	
5	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	
2	...	...	...	5	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	24	24	
13	...	1	1	12	4	4	...	3	2	...	1	158	158	

WM. EDWARD CROW,  
Honorary Secretary.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DEATH-RATE IN THE DIFFERENT REGISTRATION DISTRICTS  
DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4TH FEBRUARY, 1888.

British and Foreign Community.—Civil Population, .....		56.8	per 1,000 per annum.
Chinese Community.—Victoria	District,—Land Population, .....	52.0	} " "
	"    "    "    Boat    "    .....	2.5	
	Kaulung    "    Land    "    .....	49.4	} " "
	"    "    "    Boat    "    .....	41.6	
	Sháukiwán    "    Land    "    .....	43.9	} " "
	"    "    "    Boat    "    .....	—	
	Aberdeen    "    Land    "    .....	62.4	} " "
	"    "    "    Boat    "    .....	29.7	
	Stanley    "    Land    "    .....	—	} " "
	"    "    "    Boat    "    .....	52.0	
	The whole Colony, Land    "    .....	51.4	} " "
	"    "    "    Boat    "    .....	12.2	
	"    "    "    Land and Boat Population,	43.9	" "

WM. EDWARD CROW,  
Honorary Secretary.

SANITARY BOARD ROOM,  
HONGKONG, 9th February, 1888.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DEATHS RECORDED UNDER THE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF DISEASES FOR EACH WEEK OF THE CURRENT YEAR.									DEATH-RATE RECORDED PER 1,000 PER ANNUM.			
1888.	CONVULSIVE DISEASES.		Throat Affections.	Chest Affections.	Bowel Complaints.	Fevers.	Other Causes.	TOTAL.	British and Foreign Community, Civil Population.	CHINESE COMMUNITY.		
	Under one Month.	Over one Month.								POPULATION.		
									Land.	Boat.	Land & Boat.	
Week ending the 7th January,	11	24	1	24	6	99	25	190	97.4	60.9	15.3	52.2
Do. the 14th "	9	20	...	22	6	94	29	180	56.8	60.1	10.7	50.7
Do. the 21st "	11	25	...	12	5	107	25	185	73.0	56.8	26.0	50.9
Do. the 28th "	13	14	...	20	9	103	13	172	56.8	53.9	24.5	48.3
Do. the 4th February,	7	17	...	23	8	73	30	158	56.8	51.4	12.2	43.9

WM. EDWARD CROW,  
Honorary Secretary.

SANITARY BOARD ROOM,  
HONGKONG, 9th February, 1888.